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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: IRAQI GOVERNMENT, CONSTITUTION;
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SUMMARY: Discussions on the Constitution and reaction to yesterday's attacks were the major editorial themes of the daily newspapers on August 18, 2005. END SUMMARY.

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SELECTED COMMENTARIES

- [1A. "The Constitutional Quota"](#)
(Al-Zaman Newspaper in Arabic P 4 Editorial by Dr.Kadhim Al-Meqdadi)

The writer states that the people fighting over the constitution gave vacation not as entertainment or for tourism but to rally their differeignoring the big picture for the sake of their own political gain. H "Americans imposed latitudes and longitudes on North and South but le sink in its isolation. He hinted that the TAL, which was written by sole source for some of the political factions. The whole article is style implying that those responsible for drafting the constitution a secure their own interests to be concerned with the demands of the pe

- [1B. "Southern Blood in Baghdad"](#)
(Al-Adala Newspaper in Arabic p. 3 Editorial By Dr. Ali Khalif)

"Yesterday's attack was an ugly crime that demonstrated the sectarian enemies of the new Iraq." Why target innocent people at the Al-Nahdh asks? People going to the south use that garage. Then the terroris the entrance of the hospital where the wounded were being treated. T convinced that the terrorists wanted to make certain that they killed been in the garage. The author says that this crime proves that terr and that they were clearly targeting Shi'ites. He wonders if the evi identify the killers and the groups that support them. However, he s the Shi'ites for wanting their own federal territory in south and cen

- [1C. "The Constitution and the New Timeline"](#)
(Al-Dustoor Newspaper in Arabic P 1 Editorial by Bassem Al-Sheikh)

The author opines, that the political parties that govern Iraq will n process completely collapse. However, he says, these parties will n any of their constitutional demands. That fact, he says will make it parties involved to reach any kind of acceptable solution. The autho demand for self-rule, as well as the demands from other groups who al of self-rule, to illustrate the difficulties of the negotiations. He timeline will result in a constitution that will be a decisive victor that on the day of the referendum the Iraqi people will give the fina

- [1D. "The Al-Nahdhah Massacre"](#)
(Al-Sabah Newspaper in Arabic P. 3 un-attributed Editorial)

The article states that the Al-Nahdhah massacre proves once again tha disrupting the political process. However, he says, the political and process will continue in Iraq despite terrorist attacks. The author Al-Nahdhah massacre was such a professional, well-managed military?st must be a worldwide intelligence group involved. Its controlled timi lead to more casualties. He says that it seems that whenever Iraq a political advancement there is an escalation of terrorist attacks. designed to keep us down and they force foreign troops to stay on our

- [1E. "The Kurds are People Before Anything Else"](#)
(Al-Taakhi Newspaper in Arabic P. 1 Editorial by Bader Khan)

The author states that one of the major problems facing Iraq is to ge upon a Constitution that satisfies all Iraqis. The author maintains process the world is learning that we Iraqis have a psychological pro others. We also look to the past rather than to our future. He says to do in order to solve the Kurdish problem is admit that they are ju the world. If they are just like anybody else, they have a right to people negotiating the terms of the Constitution, he says just have t the problem to be solved. We also have other problems to work out su rights, building a secular state and the situation with our Arabs bro

- [1F. "You Accepted The Blame"](#)
(Al-Furat Newspaper in Arabic P3 Editorial by Abdulzahra Al-Talaqani)

The author states that one of the downsides to democracy is that the right to tell the government what to do. However, that interference government legitimate. He reminds the reader that the former regime w hard on any citizen who tried to interfere with its business. Now Ir criticize the government without fear. That is the primary benefit o He wishes that the government would make the Iraqis proud by finishin Constitution. Then the Iraqis could say, "this is the government I working hard for me." He also talks about the country's major proble why its many ministries cannot solve any of them.

[G. "The Impossible Can Be Possible"](#)

(Al-Ittihad Newspaper in Arabic P 4 Editorial by Abdul Moniem Al-Assa The author believes that since the Iraqi demands on the Constitution the politicians are insisting to achieve of all of them it will be im sides and finish the draft. However, the author says that in this ca be possible, and must be possible because the alternative would mean surrender to terrorism. He says that Iraqis have the capacity to do election seemed impossible, he says, but at the historical moment peo government was created. The problems come partly from those who are religion on the constitution.

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